UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (89-69)

DATE: 11/25/63

FROM : SA NATHAN O. BROWN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

EDWARD VOEBEL, who resides at 4916 Canal (location of Quality Florist Company) advised he knew OSWALD at Beauregard Junior High School during 1955 and 1956. He recalled that OSWALD once had a fight at Beauregard with JOHN and MIKE NEUMEYER but, he, VOEBEL, never learned what the fight was about. He said he recalled the NEUMEYER brothers presently having a narcotics charge outstanding against them. He stated that he was the only person he knew of who associated with OSWALD. He recalled that OSWALD invited him to play pool at a pool hall near OSWALD's home, which was at that time in an upstairs apartment at 126 Exchange Place. VOEBEL stated he was taking music lessons at Werlein's during this time and would stop by OSWALD's apartment each week after he took his lessons and shoot pool. VOEBEL stated he also visited OSWALD at his apartment on several occasions.

VOEBEL stated that OSWALD had a plastic .45 caliber automatic that he showed him one day, which looked real. OSWALD told VOEBEL he would like to have a pistol and disclosed a plan he had to steal a gun. VOEBEL recalled that OSWALD had a box which contained a glass cutter and a piece of silk. OSWALD said he was going to cut a screen and then cut a window glass from a store and steal a gun. VOEBEL stated he went with OSWALD to a store which he recalled was about the third establishment from Walgreen's on S. Rampart St. OSWALD pointed out what VOEBEL recalled was a small automatic and said this was the gun he planned to steal. VOEBEL showed OSWALD the silver trim on the window which was connected to an ADT alarm system and told him if he attempted to break this glass a burglar alarm would ring. He stated based on this information OSWALD did not attempt to steal this gun.

VOEBEL said OSWALD never told him why he wanted to steal this gun and never gave any indication of his intentions after he did steal a gun. VOEBEL said OSWALD never discussed anything about

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Contact NOPD for information concerning JOHN and MIKE NEUMEYER, who reportedly have narcotics charges outstanding against them and interview concerning circumstances of fight while at Beauregard. (DO NOT DISCLOSE VOEBEL AS SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION DURING INTERVIEW WITH NEUMEYER BROTHERS.)

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